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10.	Museum	A Museum to preserve the Relics of Baba Saheb established by Symbiosis Society, Puna.	Rs. 0.10 crores	Relics have been preserved and Museum established at Pune.

Maulana Azad Educational Foundation

7564. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Maulana Asad Educational Foundation established and with what amount;

(b) what are the major achievements of this foundation so far; and

(c) what are the plans of the Ministry to make the foundation more effective and result oriented?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (•) to (c) Maulana Asad Education Foundation was registered as a society on 6th July, 1989. The intial donation was Rs. 1,55,500* contributed by various organisations including Central Wakf Council. Apart from providing training to 738 girls/ women in 5 Skill Upgradation Courses, the Foundation has released grants to Muslim Welfare Society, Bhopal and other technical/educational institutions including Maulana Azad Education Trust, Aurangabad.

During 1992-93, the Central Government gave a grant of Rs. S crores to the Foundation for its corpus fund. An additional amount of Rs. 25.01 crores was released during 1994-95 for enhancing its corpus fund. Out of the interest earned on this amount, the Foundation will implement programmes such as:

(i) running residential schools for girls, especially in slum or rural areas;

(ii) establishing chairs in Indian and foreign universities for conducting research and studies on the life and works of Maulana Azad;

(iii) instituting an international award of Rs. 15 lakhs to be given annually to a person having done commendable work for promoting amity amongst nations and peace amongst individuals.

Permission to Blind Students to undergo eye checks

7563. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Schools for the Blind in Delhi are not permitting their students to undergo eye check ups for fear of reduction in the grant they receive from the Govemment;

(b) whether large number of students in Delhi's 100 Blind Schools can get their sights back if the schools allow them eye check up and treatment; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to get the eyes of all the students in the Blind Schools in Delhi tested and treated?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) According to the report received from the Govemment of National Capital Territ-